Privatisation of Penicillin Manufacturing Units of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd.

887. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal of privatisation of Penicillin mfg. facilities of Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd., Pune is under Government's active consideration ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a committee has been appointed to evaluate the proposal without involving drug technology experts ; and

(c) whether such privatisation will be outside the purview of essential drug policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ADUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

IPCL's M.G.C.C. Gas Cracker Unit

888. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that I.P.C.L.'s M.G.C.C. Gas Cracker Unit has since been completed ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor and by when it is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) The Gas Cracker Unit of M.G.C.C. was commissioned on July 16, 1990. However, due to an unfortunate accident in the OSBL unit on November 5, 1990, further operations in the Gas Cracker had been suspended. Following reconstruction of the OSBL unit, operation of the Gas Cracker was recommenced in July, 1991 and since then the Gas Cracker Unit has been in operation.

(c) Does not arise.

Penicillin production in the country

889. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of Penicillin in the country at present is sufficient to meet the demand ;

(b) if so, the details thereof ; and

(c) the names of the public and private sector units producing Penicillin in the country at present alongwith the details of production in each unit ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c)

Name of Unit	Year	Production
1. *Public Sector*		
(i) Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited	1992-93	436.47 MMU
(ii) Hindustan Antibiotics Limited	1992-93	765.88 MMU
2. *Private Sector*		
Alembic Chemicals	1992-93	323.94 MMU